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SUBJ: PRECLEARANCE: DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE STAFFING

1. DURING THE COURSE OF EMBASSY-PRECLEARANCE MEETINGS
DESIGNED TO RESOLVE AN IMPASSE BETWEEN THE U.S. IMMIGRATION
AND NATURALIZATION SUPERVISOR AND THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICUL-
TURE SUPERVISOR WITH REGARD TO PASSENGER FLOW THROUGH THE NASSAU
PRECLEARANCE AREA NOW BEING RECONSTRUCTED BY GCOB IT WAS
BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION THAT PRESENT TWO MAN STAFFING OF
U.S. AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT HERE WILL, IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS,
BE REDUCED TO ONE. THIS FIFTY PERCENT REDUCTION IN PERSONNEL
STRENGTH WAS APPARENTLY NECESSITATED BY NEED TO STAFF FREEPORT
PRECLEARANCE UNIT WITH ONE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
REPRESENTATIVE.

2. IT IS OUR INITIAL IMPRESSION THAT THIS DECREASE IN STRENGTH
ON THE PART OF U.S. AGRICULTURE WILL NOT ONLY MAKE IT DIFFICULT
FOR THEIR REP TO PERFORM HIS STATUTORY FUNCTION BUT COULD
WELL IMPEDE AND DISRUPT ENTIRE PRECLEARANCE FUNCTION. ACC-
ORDINGLY WE WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT CONTACTING
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO ASCERTAIN HOW DECISION WAS REACHED
AND TO OBTAIN THIER VIEWS ON WHAT WE FEEL ARE VERY REAL
POTENTIAL ADVERSE EFFECTS OF DECISION. BASED ON THIS WE MAY
WELL FIND IT NECESSARY TO ADVOCATE THAT POSITION BE RE-
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